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Dear Mr. Casey:

Mr. William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence

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Once again, I am pleased to invite you or your designate to appear before the Joint Economic Committee's Subcommittee on International Trade, Finance, and Security Economics to present assessments of the Soviet and Chinese economies and their prospects. The briefing you provide will be a part of our annual hearings on "The Allocation of Resources in the Soviet Union and China."

For your information, this will be the 11th annual review of the economies of the Soviet Union and China, based on official intelligence estimates, since this series was begun in 1974. I am convinced that the public dialogue and general understanding of these subjects have improved greatly as a result of the hearings and the contributions of your agency.

Our interests this year center on the recent apparent improved economic performance in both the Soviet Union and China. Are either of the two economies experiencing a recovery of sorts, and if so, why? We would like you to give us an appraisal of current and prospective economic performance in each country. We would also like you to discuss defense allocations, including recent trends, in both countries.

We have scheduled your briefing for Tuesday, November 13, 1984, at 10:00 a.m. As in the past, the briefing will be held in closed, executive session.

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